

PROPOSED OFFICE OF HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA DEPARTMENTAL MISSION, VISION, CORE VALUES AND EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY STATEMENTS

OHA Departmental Mission - *The Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA) enhances the quality of life for City residents and visitors by preserving and interpreting Alexandria's historic properties, archaeological sites, cultural resources, artifact collections, objects, archives, records, and personal stories, and by encouraging audiences to appreciate Alexandria's diverse historic heritage and its place within the broader context of American history.*

OHA Departmental Vision Statement- *to be the leader in authentic, engaging, and imaginative history learning experiences for all who live in or visit the City of Alexandria, Virginia*

OHA Core Values- *Our Core Values define the values of our department, institutions, and people. These are the values by which we treat others, wish to be treated individually and the values we promise to embrace.*

CREATIVITY- Our work products and programs are original, expressive and imaginative

COLLABORATION- We work together in a joint intellectual effort and are mutually supportive

EXCELLENCE- We strive to excel and demonstrate quality and superiority in our programs

FAIRNESS- Our actions demonstrate consistency and transparency

FLEXIBLE- We operate within established guidelines to reach the best possible outcome

INTEGRITY- We adhere to the highest standards of our profession

PRACTICAL- We determine solutions that are cost effective, accurate and equitable

STRATEGIC- We preserve and promote the past, to position the City of Alexandria for a better future

OHA Education Philosophy Statement - *OHA's departments of education work to integrate research, discovery, public outreach, and educational opportunities. Education and outreach include hands on experience, tours, role playing, and school programs, using specific and appropriate primary resources. The intent is to engage citizens, students, and visitors of all ages in the adventure that is American history.*

*Office of Historic Alexandria
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